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Excerpt of pertinent information:

a. This is the personal history of Wolfram BITSCHNAU.

a. I was born on 30 December 1921 in Feldkirch, the son of Dr. Hans BITSCHNAU, Hofrat and leading states attorney, and of Ida, nee MALLAUN. I attended the Volkschule in Feldkirch from 1928 until 1932 and then the Bundesgymnasium until 1939. During the eighth semester at the Gymnasium I arrested by the Gestapo on 9 November 1939 because they had learned of my connection with Dr. Max JENNIWEIN in Switzerland and to the "legitimistischen Emigrantinenkreissen" in Paris, I was released on 23 February 1940 since they were not able to bring any specific charges against me. In the meantime I had been denied the right of access to the Gymnasium and for that reason was able first 6 June 1940 to complete my Matura as Externist.

b. On 20 October 1940 I was drafted into the Reichsarbeitsdienst and belonged to that organization until 31 January 1941. On 5 February I joined the 136th Mountain Troop (Gebings Jaeger) Regiment in Landeck. In May and June 1941 I completed a Reserve Officer Candidate Course and at the end of June I passed the interpreter examination for French and Spanish given by the Deputy General Kommande in Salzburg. From July through September I was interpreter in Stalag XVIII in Marburg, but was transferred from there to the motor vehicle replacement parts department 18 in Bregenz because of political unreliability. There I acquired driving permits for all types of vehicles. Effective 1 March 1942 I was appointed Corporal and held that rank until the end of the war. On 20 February 1942 I was transferred to an Intelligence Interpreters Replacement Group in Meissen and there passed the English interpreters examination in June 1942. At the beginning of July 1942 I was again transferred to a troop unit in order to serve my time at the front. I was sent to the Afrikakorps in August 1942 where I served as interpreter for Italian and English. I was wounded at the beginning of the battle of El Alamein and was sent to Reserve Hospital Riedenburg near Bregenz where I stayed until March 1943. Following this I was again sent to the Intelligence Interpreters Replacement Group in Meissen where I completed a ciphering course and then was sent to an Intelligence section of the OKH in Berlin. Due to a serious case of blood poisoning I spent the autumn of 1943 in a hospital and then went to the Nachkommando of the intelligence section of the OKH. Effective 14 February 1944 I

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was assigned to the cipher department of the OKW where I had the responsibility of evaluating all the official confidential intelligence material from a political point of view. I held this post until the end of the war. Building up the files in this department was a large part of my work. Thebcipher department was transferred to Halle (Saale) in March of 1945. On 28 April 1945 I left the troops in Werfen and made my way to Vorarlberg. Before the arrival of the French I joined with several comrades of the resistance group (not further described) and we removed the Gestapo group working in Feldkirch.

c. After the war I was interpreter for Feldkirch for the French Military Government. In September 1945 I began my legal education in Innsbruck and finished my studies in the spring of 1948. A year of practice in the Innsbruck courts followed and in June 1949 I joined the office of my father-in-law, Dr. Karl POLACEK, and worked there on the drafting of briefs. I married Andrea POLACEK on 20 February 1947. Two children came of this marriage. Andreas, born 31 January 1948, and Martin, 28 March 1949.

d. I joined the VdU as Bundesvorstandmitglied in March 1949, was the Landes Secretary for Tirol, and was given the task of building up the organization in that district. I quit the party 5 July 1949 because of ideological differences and gave up all my functions. Since then I have not belonged to any political party.

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